(b) if not, what steps have been taken by Government to identify the list of inputs for bulk drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Ministry of Finance have issued necessary notification exempting 36 intermediates from countervailing duty w.e.f. 1-3-1987.

Customs duty on bulk drugs

962. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that customs duty on inputs for bulk drugs which is used in the production of bulk drugs is higher than the import duty on finished drugs; and

(b) if so, how far it is responsible for decrease in production of bulk drugs and increase in the import thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDU... (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Normal rate of custom duty on drugs is 100 per cent *ad valorem*. A number of intermediates which are exclusively used ...duction of bulk drugs have already been exempted from the countervailing duty, reducing the effective rate of duty to 110 per cent, in such cases.

(b) There is no decrease in the production of bulk drugs.

Violation of the Drug Price Control Order, 1979

963. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to the Unstarred Question 2556 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st December, 1986 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of drug companies violated the provisions of the Drug Price Control Order, 1979 during the last three years;

(b) if so, the number of instances came to the notice of the Government alongwith the names of the companies and details of violations;

(c) whether his Ministry has not taken action against any company under Essential Commodities Act for violation of provisions of Drugs Order; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (d) As and when instances of violations of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 by the drug manufa... ...ave come to the notice of ... ...ent necessary action has ... in the case of M/s. ...rner Hindustan a notice was issued ... the company when instance of wrong categorisation of Isokin 300 mg. Tablet, Isokin Liquid Pyridium Tablets came to the notice of the Government. After the judgement of the Delhi High Court in respect of former two products and issuance of the notice to the company by this Department in respect of Pyridium Tablets, they have reclassified the products as Category-III formulations. Government has also initiated action for recovery of Rs. 106.36 lakhs towards the amount over charged from consumers.